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Rev. James Abell

son of James Abell, was born at Norwich, Conn. in the year 1792, and grad. Yale College 1819, and Andover Theo. Sem. 1822. He was ord. and inst. Pastor Presbyterian Church, Oswego, N. Y. where he remained five years 1825-1830, then at Oxford, Chenango Co., N. Y. 1830-1837, then to the Reformed Dutch Church, Chittenango, N. Y. 1838-1857, after which time he discontinued pastoral duty.

March 5, 1828 he was married to Miss Laura Goodwin Bogue, daughter of Rev. Publius Virgilius and Catherine R. Bogue, at Clinton, N. Y. He had three children, two sons and a daughter; of his sons James Edward Abell, of the Class of 1852 Hamilton College resides in Chicago, Ill. Mrs. Abell died Sept. 4, 1852. Mr. Abell passed the last years of his life with his children, and died at Oswego, N. Y. May 7, 1868, aet. 77 years.

Trustee Hamilton College 1846-1860.

Rev. John Watson Adams

son of Rev. Roger Adams, a Presbyterian Clergyman, born at Simsbury, Conn. Dec. 6, 1796; united with Church at Sullivan, N. Y. Graduated Hamilton College 1822. Studied privately one year in N. Y. Auburn Theo. Sem. Jun. Class, July 16, 1824. Ordained Pastor, Syracuse, N. Y. by Onondaga Presbytery June 28, 1826. Pastor 1st Presbyterian Church Syracuse 1825-50. D. D. from Columbia College 1840. Married Miss Mary Phelps of Lenox, N. Y. May 3, 1826. Grad. Auburn Theo. Sem. 1826. Died at Syracuse, N. Y. April 4, 1850. Aet 54 years.

Trustee of Hamilton College 1841-50.

Alumni Catalogue of Auburn Theo. Sem. gives date of death Dec. 6, 1850. Hamilton College Memorial Book Dec. 23.

Rev. Azel Backus, D. D.

son of Jabez and Deborah Backus, was born at Norwich, Conn. Oct. 13, 1765. His father died when the son was five years old and his instruction and preparation for College ~~was~~ were conducted by his uncle, Rev. Chas. Backus at Somers, Conn. He entered Yale in 1783 and maintaining a high rank in Scholarship, graduated 1787. Soon after leaving College, he took charge of a Grammar School at Wethersfield, Conn. and soon gained a high reputation as a Teacher. He, in the meantime prosecuted his studies in Theology under the direction of his uncle, and some time in 1789 was licensed to preach by the Association of Tolland Co. After preaching a few Sundays at Ellington, he was invited to supply the pulpit at Bethlehem, Conn., to which Church he was called as Pastor and installed April 6, 1791. In 1798 Mr. Backus was appointed by the first Gov. Wolcott to preach the annual sermon before the Legislature of Conn. which was printed. In June 1808 he was chosen Moderator of the General Association of Conn., and in 1810 received the Degree of D. D. from the College of New Jersey. Shortly after being settled at Bethlehem, he opened a school for the preparation of boys for College, in which he continued until his removal to New York State. In Sept. 1812 Dr. Backus was elected to be the first President of Hamilton College, which position he held until his death of Typhoid Fever, at Clinton, N. Y. Dec. 9, 1817, aet. 53 years. His funeral sermon was preached by Rev. Dr. Asahel Strong Norton, Pastor of the Church in Clinton, N. Y. Feb. 1791 he married Milicent Demming of Wethersfield, Conn., a lady of great intelligence and excellence, who died Oct. 1853. Their daughter married Gerrit Smith of Peterboro, N. Y.

Trustee Hamilton College 1813-1817.

Hon. William Johnson Bacon,

was born at Williamstown, Mass. Feb. 18, 1803, son of Ezekiel Johnson Bacon. Grad. Hamilton College 1822 and began the study of Law in the office of Gen. Joseph Kirkland at Utica, attending the Law School of Judge Gould at Litchfield, Conn. one year, and was admitted to the Bar in 1825. He commenced practice in Utica, in the meantime becoming in connection with Samuel Dana Dakin (Hamilton College '15)., Editor and proprietor of the Utica Gazette. In 1830 he formed a partnership with his brother-in-law, Charles Pinckney Kirkland which continued 20 years, when in 1850 he was elected Assemblyman. In 1853 he was elected Judge of the Supreme Court for 8 years, and in 1862 re-elected for a second term. In 1876 Judge Bacon was elected to membership in the 45th Congress. He was Director in various associations. Oct. 23, 1828 he was married to Eliza, daughter of Gen. Joseph Kirkland of Utica, who died Dec. 1872. Married 2d. Susan Sloane Gillette. He died

Trustee Hamilton College 1856-1889.

Rev. Amos Glover Baldwin,

born 1778 was one of the earliest Missionaries of Western New York and came to Utica, N. Y. from Stockbridge, Mass. Sept. 1806, in which year he was ordained Deacon in the Diocese of New York and invited to officiate in Trinity Church,Utica. He was Missionary in Oneida and Herkimer Counties. In September 1807 accepted an invitation to become permanent Rector of Trinity Church, at the same time officiating in St. Paul's Church Paris Hill, Trinity Church, Fairfield, N. Y., and Christ Church, Eaton, N. Y. 1808-1818. He was Missionary in St. Lawrence Co. 1818-1823, having retained the Rectorship of Trinity Church, Utica, N. Y. until 1818. He was Missionary in the Western States under the Domestic Committee of the Board of Missions 1823., acting as Rector of St. Paul and St. Mary, Charlton, N. Y. and was Missionary at Zanesville and Newark, Ohio 1826-1828; at Ovid and Watkins, N. Y. 1829-1830; at Constableville, N. Y. 1831-1834; at Aurora, Cayuga Co. 1835-1836; at Mayville and Jamestown, Chautauqua Co. 1837-1838; at Montezuma and Cayuga, 1839; from 1840 he was a resident at Auburn until his death, which occurred at Auburn on Christmas Day, 1844, in the 66th year of his age, and in the 39th year of his Ministry. His remains rest in the Churchyard of St. Peters, Auburn, N. Y. Rev. S. Hanson Coxe, D. D., Rector at Auburn 1844-1846, visited Mr. Baldwin in his last illness, performed for him the rites of burial and preached his funeral sermon. His devotion to his work and his faithfulness in all the lines of his duty gained for him the title of "Father Baldwin". He received the Honorary Degree of A. M. from Hamilton College in 1815.

Trustee Hamilton College 1813-1821.

Simeon Benjamin

Born in Upper Aquabogue, L. I. May 29, 1792. In business in New York 1810-12; in Aquabogue 1812. After a few years Wholesale dry-goods merchant in New York, and from 1835 Banker and Railroad business in Elmira, N. Y.

March 20, 1816 married Miss Sarah Wickham Goldsmith of Mattituck, L. I. Died at Elmira, N. Y., aet.76 years, Sept. 1, 1868.

Trustee of Hamilton College 1852-68.

" " Auburn Theo. Sem. 1841-68.

Rev. Henry Smith Boardman, D. D.

son of John Boardman (born at Wilburfield, Conn. Nov. 17, 1770.) and Abigail Boardman, who were married Jan. 28, 1794 and removed to Albany, N. Y. in 1792, where he was an Elder in the First Presbyterian Church from 1805 to 1815, when the Second Presbyterian Church was formed in which he became a Ruling Elder, Rev. Dr. William B. Sprague being Pastor. The son was born in Albany Dec. 29, 1796, grad. Union College 1816, and at Princeton Theo. Sem. 1819. He soon started westward and for about ten years was occupied as a traveling Preacher, going on horseback from place to place in Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky. In 1821 he became Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Watertown, N. Y. where he ministered sixteen years. On May 19, 1823 Dr. Boardman was married to Alida Maria Lane, daughter of Derick Lane of Troy, N. Y. who died at Watertown, N. Y. leaving two children, Derick Lane, who died at Troy, N. Y. Sept. 6, 1893 and John, who died in Buffalo, N. Y. July 9, 1898. Feb. 28, 1832 Dr. Boardman was married 2d. to Sarah Brayton, daughter of George and Sarah (Swan) Brayton of Westernville, N. Y. who died at Cherry Valley, N. Y. July 18, 1849, leaving one son, George Brayton Boardman, now residing in Chicago, Ill.

In 1837 Dr. Boardman accepted a call to the Washington Street, now the Central Presbyterian Church in Rochester, N. Y. remaining six years, except that in 1842 he labored in Columbus, Ohio, in connection with a very marked revival of religion in that place. In 1843 he took charge of the Second Presbyterian Church in Rome, N. Y. which he left in 1847 to enter upon a short Pastorate at Cherry Valley, N. Y. which he again left in 1850 to accept the Pastorate of the Church in Cazenovia, N. Y., where he preached for fifteen years, when impaired health necessitated his release from further pastoral work. In 1865 he traveled in Europe and returned after an absence of fourteen months, greatly improved in health. For longer or shorter periods he filled pulpits in the First Church of Rome, in Ogdensburg, and in Little Falls. His last pulpit utterances were on his eightieth birthday on the words "Mine age is as nothing before Thee." He died at

Feb. 7, 1877, aet. 81 years.

Trustee Hamilton College 1849-1877.

Rev. James Robert Boyd, D. D.,

was the eldest son of Robert and Mary Scott Boyd, and was born in Windham, New York, May 26, 1804. Four years later the family removed to Albany, N. Y., where he pursued his Academic studies, and in the spring of 1820 entered the Sophomore class of Union College, graduating in 1822. In November 1823 and completing his theological course in Sept. 1826, and on Oct. 24th of that year was licensed to preach by the Presbytery of Albany. He chose a large missionary territory in Wayne County, Ohio, where he remained six months, and then returned to Albany and went to Auburn Theological Seminary to attend lectures, and having received from the Albany Presbytery ordination as an Evangelist, Oct. 31, 1827, he was appointed as a Home Missionary to the Churches in Sackett's Harbor and Brownsville, N. Y., remaining until the spring of 1830, when he resigned, and in May 1820 sailed for Europe. On his return he accepted a call to the second Presbyterian Church in Watertown, N. Y., and was installed there in Oct. 1832. In September, 1832 he was married to Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Col. Elisha and Sophia Camp of Sackett's Harbor, N. Y. Failing health obliging him to resign his Pastorate, he became Principal of the Jefferson County Institute, remaining as such until 1848. In 1849 he became Professor of Moral Philosophy and Rhetoric in Hamilton College. He resigned in the same year and took up his residence at Geneva, N. Y., where his time was occupied in preparation of books for publication. After spending some years in travel in Europe and in the Hawaiian Islands, he returned to Geneva, where he died Feb. 18, 1890, aet. 86 years. In 1871 Hamilton conferred upon him the degree of S. T. D.

Trustee Hamilton College 1847-1849.

Hon. George Brayton,

Born Feb. 8, 1772, and settled in Westernville, Oneida Co., N. Y. about 1794, and engaged in mercantile pursuit, serving afterward as the first Post Master of Western, and at the first town meeting held he was elected Town Clerk on April 4, 1797, and was elected to the N. Y. Assembly in the years 1804-5-6 and 7, and State Senator 1825-26.

He was married to Miss Sarah Swan, daughter of John and Sarah Swan Oct. 5, 1800, and he died at Westernville, N. Y., March 7, 1837, aet. 65 years. He was for many years Ruling Elder in the Presbyterian Church there. He was the Father of Hervey and Rev. Isaac Brayton. Trustee of Hamilton College.

Trustee of Hamilton College 1812-20.

Hervey Brayton

eldest son of Hon. George and Sarah (Swan) Brayton, was born at Westernville, N. Y., Sept. 8, 1801. He succeeded his Father's business in Westernville in partnership with his Brothers George Jr., and Milton. In 1846 he was sent as a Delegate to the Convention for Revision of State Constitution. He was an active member of the Presbyterian Church. He, in the latter part of his life removed to Rome, N. Y., and was a dry goods Merchant. He died in Rome, N. Y. Sept. 6, 1855, aet. 54 years. At Philadelphia, Pa., May 10, 1831, he was married to Miss Anna C. Carpenter.

Trustee Hamilton College 1840-1855.

Rev. Isaac Brayton, S. T. D.

son of George Brayton and brother of Hervey Brayton, was born in Westernville, N. Y. June 26, 1812. He entered the Class of 1833 Hamilton College and remained until the end of Junior year, when on the resignation of President Henry Davis he entered Union College, where he graduated 1833. He was a student in Princeton Theo. Sem. 1833-1835 and grad. Auburn Theo. Sem. 1836. He was Ordained and installed Pastor by the Presbytery of Watertown, N. Y. Aug. 31, 1837, where he remained until 1864, removing to Albany and remaining until 1873, since which time he has resided without charge in Poughkeepsie, N. Y. July 1, 1845, he was married at Albany, N. Y. to Miss Elizabeth S. Boyd, daughter of Robert and Mary (Scott) Boyd of Albany. Received the Degree of S. T. D. Hamilton College 1860.

Trustee Hamilton College 1856-1864.

Joel Bristol

came from Stockbridge, Mass. to Clinton in 1778 (or about that time). He was one of the original subscribers to the fund for building the Hamilton Oneida Academy. He was Supervisor of the town when Oneida Co. was set off from Herkimer and was a member of the State Assembly 1801-1802, 1808 and 1812. When Oneida Co. was organized in 1798 he was among those commissioned to keep the Peace. In 1808 he gave his consent, as overseer of the Poor, to the manumission of a slave in the town of Paris, in which Clinton then was. While a resident of Stockbridge, Mass. he enlisted 1st in Capt. David Pixley's Company of Col. John Brown's Regiment, June 30, 1777 and served until July 26, 1777. He enlisted 2d in Captain Ebenezer Cook's Company of Col. Brown's Berkshire Co. Regiment Sept. 22, 1777 and was discharged Oct. 14, 1777.

Joel Bristol was married at Stockbridge, Mass. Oct. 13, 1786, to Elizabeth, daughter of Capt. Josiah and Mabel (Woodbridge) Jones. She was born May 22, 1765.

Trustee Hamilton College 1812-27.

Rev. Samuel Gilman Brown, D. D.

son of Pres. Francis Brown Dartmouth College 1805, and Elizabeth Gilman Brown, was born at North Yarmouth, Maine, Jan. 4, 1813. He was Prin. of a High School at Ellington, Conn. Studied Divinity at Andover Theo. Sem., graduating in 1837; traveled in Europe 1838-1840; was Prof. of Oratory and Belles Lettres at Dartmouth College 1840 to 1863; was ordained a Cong. Evangelist at Woodstock, Vt. Oct. 6, 1852; became by transfer, Prof. of Intell. Phil. and Political Economy at Dartmouth in 1863, resigned in 1867 to become President of Hamilton College, where he remained until his resignation in 1881. Received in 1853 degree of D. D. from Columbia College. Dr. Brown published various addresses and contributions to reviews, also the life of Hon. Rufus Choat, Dart. College 1815. He married Sarah (Van Vechten) Savage, daughter of Rev. Jacob Van Vechten of Schenectady, N. Y. relict of Rev. Edward Savage Feb. 10, 1846. Dr. Brown died at Utica, N. Y. Nov. 4, 1885, aet. 72 years.

Trustee Hamilton College 1867-1885.

Rev. James Carnahan

was of Scotch Irish descent and was born in Cumberland Co., Pa., Nov. 15, 1775, and worked upon his Father's farm until seventeen years of age, attending school during the winters. Being determined to study for a profession he entered the Academy at Cannonsburg, Pa., Aug. 10, 1793. Having been converted while at the Academy he concluded to study for the Ministry, and having made a loan of money, he entered the Junior class in the College of New Jersey, receiving his Degree in 1800. He read Theology for a year with Rev. Dr. John McMillan, when he was appointed Tutor of Princeton College, continuing in the meantime his studies for the Ministry. In April 1804 he was licensed to preach by the Presbytery of New Brunswick. Having been invited by the Reformed Dutch Churches of Albany he went there about June 1, 1804, with the view of seeing the country; he extended his journey to Whitestown, and preached in New Hartford, Utica and Whitestown. He received a call from the Dutch Church in Albany with a salary of $1500, and one from the United Society of Whitesboro and Utica with a salary of $700. He chose the latter, returning to Oneida Co. and began his labor the latter part of October 1804. He was ordained Jan. 5, 1805, and established his residence at Whitesboro, removing after a few years to Utica. He preached in turn at Whitesboro and Utica, one half of the Sunday at each place from May 1, to November 1, and one whole Sunday alternately the rest of the year. He remained until Oct. 25, 1812 when, on account of ill health, he resigned.

He was Tutor at Princeton 1801-03, and Trustee there 1854-1859, and also President 1823-1854. He received the Degree of S. T. D. from Hamilton College 1821, and that of LL. D. Princeton 1854. He died Aug. 15, 1859.

Trustee Hamilton College 1812-1812.

Rev. Robert Woodruff Condit

Born Stillwater, N. Y. Sept. 17, 1795. Grad. Princeton College 1814. Ordained Pastor Montgomery, N. Y. Dec. 13, 1820. Preached in the South 1818-20. Montgomery, N. Y. 1820-30. 1st Presbyterian Church Oswego, N. Y. 1831-71. Received D. D. Ham. College in 1847. He married Miss Harriette Whittlesey of Danbury, Conn. 1818. Died of Paralysis at Oswego, N. Y. Feb. 11, 1871. Aet 75 years.

Trustee of Hamilton College 1842-71.

" " Auburn Theo. Sem. 1852-58.

Rev. Henry Davis

was born at East Hampton, L. I. 1771. Grad. Yale College 1796 and studied Theology with Dr. Chas. Backus, then of Somers, Conn. Ordained 1807. Tutor in Williams College 1796-1798; in Yale College 1799-1803. Professor of Greek in Union College 1806-1809. President of Middlebury College 1809-1817; of Hamilton College 1817-1833 and resided in Clinton, N. Y. until his death. He received the Degree of D. D. from Union College 1810.

September 22, 1801 he married Hannah Phoenix Treadwell of Plattsburgh, N. Y. and died at Clinton, N. Y. March 8, 1852, aet. 81 years. Trustee Auburn Theo. Sem. 1820-1834.

Trustee Hamilton College 1817-1847.

"Memorial Book" Hamilton College says Dr. Davis died March 7, 1852, aet. 72 years.

Thomas Treadwell Davis

son of President Henry and Hannah Phoenix (Treadwell) Davis, was born at Middlebury, Vt., Aug. 22, 1810. About seven years later his father was called to the Presidency of Hamilton College and removed thither. The son was grad. from that Institution with high honors in 1831. He then began the study of Law in Syracuse, N. Y. in the office of his brother, Henry Davis, Jr and after his admission to the Bar in 1833 formed a partnership with him, which continued until 1844, and was terminated by the brother's death. He soon afterwards formed a partnership with James S. Leach, which continued until the end of his professional life. In 1862 he was nominated for Congress by the Republicans and elected and re-elected in 1864. In that body he gained a high position on important committees. He was distinguished at the bar for his deep extensive and critical knowledge of law, and the Courts listened with great respect to his clear exposition of legal principles. He possessed great business sagacity, and was gifted with a facile and graceful pen, and was often called upon in times of great popular feeling to clothe in his vigorous and well chosen word, and eloquent sentences the emotions which filled the popular heart.

Mr. Davis, was early in life, married to Miss Sarah Henry, and they had two children, Alexander Henry Davis, and a daughter Mrs. Ernest Dykman of Washington, D. C. He died Washington, D. C., May 2d, 1872, aet. 62 years. His only published address was : "Eulogy on Daniel Webster", published Syracuse, 1852. Hamilton College conferred the honorary degree of LL. D. in 1869.

Trustee Hamilton College 1869-1872

Rev. Henry Dwight

son of Jonathan and Margaret Ashley Dwight, was born at Springfield, Mass. June 25, 1783. Grad. Yale College 1801 and soon after became a partner in the family Mercantile firm at Springfield. He spent a year in England, and returned to prepare himself to preach, first going to New Haven under President Dwight, and afterward to Princeton. He was Ordained at Utica Feb. 3, 1813. After being settled at Utica, N. Y. 1813 to 1817 as Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church he was compelled to give up his charge on account of loss of voice. In 1817 he removed to Geneva, N. Y. and established there the Bank of Geneva. He was active in the formation of the American Home Missionary Society and was its President from 1837to 1857.

He married May 17, 1814, Mrs. Susan Miles Sill, widow of Elisha Eaton Sill of Utica, and daughter of Samuel Hopkins of Goshen, Conn. He died at Geneva, N. Y. Sept. 6, 1857, aet. 74 years.

He was Trustee of Auburn Theo. Sem. 1827 to 1855. Vice-President of the Board 1830-1835.

Trustee Hamilton College 1814-1829.

Rev. James Eells.

Born at Glastonbury, Conn. April 27, 1778, grad. Yale College 1799. April 1804, called to be Pastor of the Congregational Church Westmoreland, N. Y. and ordained July 11, 1804. He was dismissed from the Church Feb. 10, 1825. In 1831 he removed to Franklin Co., Ohio, and resided in various places in that State until his death in May, 1856. He was killed in walking on the track of the Cleveland, Columbus and Cincinnati Railroad near Grafton, Ohio, aet. 78 years.

He married 1st Lucretia Rose, of Branford, Conn. and had children: Rev. James Henry, Hamilton College 1827; Samuel, Hamilton College 1832, (Founder of Alpha Delta Phi), and Mary Lucretia. He married 2d Mahitable, daughter of Deacon Dan Parmelee of Durham Conn. in 1804, and had children: Timothy Dwight; Rev. James, S. T. D., Hamilton College 1844, and Dan Parmelee, Hamilton College 1848.

Trustee Hamilton College 1812-30.

Rev. Frank Field Ellinwood, D. D.

son of Eli and Sophia M. Ellinwood, was born at Clinton, N. Y. June 20, 1826. Grad. Hamilton College 1849 and Princeton Theo. Sem. 1853. Ordained and installed Fourth Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, Pa., at Belvidere N. YJ June 21, 1853, and continued until 1854, and was Pastor of the Centre Presbyterian Church Rochester, N. Y. 1854-1865. In 1866 was appointed Secretary of the Presbyterian Board of Church erection New School. In 1870 Secretary of Committee appointed to raise five million dollars, Memorial of Re-union. 1871-1899 Secretary Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions. In 1887 appointed Professor of Comparative Religion (Graduate Department) in N. Y. University, which position he still holds, as also the Secretaryship of Foreign Missions. In 1865 he received the Degree of D. D. from N. Y. Univ., and in 1895 from the same Institution the Degree of LL. D. June 1853 he married Rowena Hurd, daughter of Orville and Roxana Hurd of N. Y. City. He married 2d. Laura Hurd, daughter of the same parents.

Trustee Hamilton College 1864-1869.

Hon. Walter Fish

son of Nathaniel and Abagail (Waterman) Fish was born at Bozrah, Conn. May 20, 1770. He removed to German Flats, Herkimer Co. in 1792, and March 20, 1796 was married to Jane Whitney, daughter of Ephraim and Mary (Winslow) Whitney of Petersham, N. H. He was elected Side Co. Judge in 1808-1811 and 1814, and was elected County Clerk of Herkimer Co. April 16, 1817. He died at Taberg, Oneida Co., N. Y. Dec. 4, 1848. His residence for many years was Herkimer Village.

Trustee Hamilton College 1812-1812.

The records of the Trustees show that Mr. Fish attended none of the meetings, and having expressed a willingness to resign his seat, his and that of Arunah Metcalf were declared vacant Sept. 14, 1813.

Rev. Samuel Ware Fisher

was born at Morristown, N. J. April 5, 1814, and grad. Yale College 1835. Middletown, Conn. 1 year; Princeton Theo. Sem. 2 years; Union Theo. Sem. 1 year. Ordained Pastor W. Bloomfield, N. J. April 1839, W. Bloomfield 1839-1843. Fourth Presbyterian Church Albany, N. Y. 1843-1846. Second Presbyterian Church Cincinnati, Ohio 1846-1858. Pres. Ham. College 1858-1867. Westminster Church Utica, N. Y. 1867-1871, he resided at College Hill, Ohio 1871-1874.

Oct. 22, 1839 he married Anna Caroline Johnson of Morristown, N. J.. May 18, 1842 he married 2d. Jane Jackson of Newark, N. J. He died of Congestion of the Brain at College Hill, Ohio Jan. 18, 1874. Moderator General Assembly 1857. Received D. D. from Miami Univ. 1852. Received LL. D. from Univ. City of N. Y. 1859. Trustee Aub. Theo. Sem. 1860-1871.

Trustee Hamilton College 1858-1871.

Simeon Ford

was born in Berkshire Co., Mass. in 1774 and moved to Herkimer, N. Y. previous to 1797, and there became eminent as a Lawyer. He was appointed District Attorney in 1819 and held the office until 1823, performing its duties with ability and fidelity. He was often a candidate for office when his prospects for election were not good, but his frequent nominations evinced the stronghold he had upon the party. At the election in April 1813 he received 83 votes for Lieutenant Governor. At the annual elections of 1820 and 1821 he was elected Assemblyman. In 1825 he was appointed by Gov. Clinton to an office at the Salt Springs in Syracuse, N. Y.; after a few years he resigned his post at Syracuse and removed to Rochester, and five years later returned to Herkimer and resumed law practice in 1832, but soon after removed to Cleveland, Ohio about 1836 and continued his law practice, where he died in 1839, aet. 62 years.

Trustee Hamilton College 1812-1827.

Hon. Henry Allen Foster, LL. D.

Born in Hartford, Conn. May 7, 1800, son of Timothy and Nancy (Bigelow) Foster. In 1803 they removed from Hartford and settled in Utica. Mr. Foster studied law and was admitted to the Bar in 1822, and was appointed Surrogate of Oneida Co. March, 1827, holding the position until 1831. Elected State Senator in 1830. Trustee of the Village of Rome 1826-1827, and 1828. Supervisor of the Town 1829, 1830, 1833 and 1834. In January he was again appointed Surrogate of Oneida Co. 1835. In 1836 he was elected to Congress In 1836 he was elected Vice President of the American Colonization Society and in 1841 was again elected State Senator, and in the absence of Lieut. Gov. Daniel S. Dickinson, was elected President pro-tem of the Senate. In Dec. 1844, he was appointed United States Senator to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Hon. Silas Wright. In 1863, he was elected Justice of the Supreme Court of the Fifth Judicial District of New York, which office he held until Dec. 31, 1871, when his age barred him for further performance of Judicial duties. He then continued in the practice of his profession until 1885, arguing his last case on his 85th birthday.

He was married in 1824 to Martha Ann E. Sherman, daughter of James and Sophia (Day) Sherman, at Rome, N. Y.

Judge Foster died at Rome, N. Y. May 11, 1889, aet. 89 years.

Trustee Hamilton College 1836-1889.

Rev. John Wolcott Fowler

studied law and afterwards, having taken a course in theology, settled as a Presbyterian Minister in Binghamton, N. Y., whence he went in May, 1836, to the charge of the First Presbyterian Church of Utica, N. Y., where he was installed May 9, 1836. He was Pastor there until his resignation, June 15, 1841. He was deposed from the Ministry in the same month. He was an eloquent public speaker and did effective service in the Henry Clay Campaign in 1844. He established a Law school at Saratoga, N. Y. which was afterwards removed to Poughkeepsie, N. Y., where he died July 1, 1873. He married the daughter of Abraham Shepard of New London, Conn.

Trustee Hamilton College 1836-42.

Rev. Philemon Halsted Fowler, D. D.

son of William and Margaret (Stevenson) Fowler, was born at Albany, N. Y. Feb. 9, 1814. Grad. Hobart College 1832 and was a Tutor there one year afterwards, and grad. Princeton Theo. Sem. 1836. He was licensed to preach Oct. 15, 1835 by the Presbytery of Albany and Ordained by the same Presbytery, Aug. 24, 1836. From Oct. 1836 to Nov. 1839 served as Pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church in Washington, D. C. which was afterwards merged with another Church in the New York Ave. Presbyterian Church. He removed to Elmira, N. Y. where he was installed as Pastor Dec. 4, 1839, remaining until Dec. 16, 1850, when he became Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church Utica, N. Y. where he was installed Feb. 10, 1851, remaining until compelled by failing health to resign Feb. 9, 1865. In 1869 he was elected Moderator of the General Assembly. After his resignation of the Pastorship continued to reside in Utica, passing his winters in San Matteo, Florida. While residing there he greatly encouraged and strengthened the Presbyterian Church in Jacksonville. He died in Utica, Dec. 19, 1879, aet. 66 years. He was the author of a number of published sermons and small volumes, his largest effort being his "History of Presbyterianism in Central New York". He was widely known and honored for his personal qualities and his high reputation as a Preacher and Pastor. He received the Degree of D. D. from Williams College in 1863. In 1837 he married Jeannette Hopkins of Geneva, N. Y. Trustee Auburn Theo. Sem. 1851-1876.

Trustee Hamilton College 1851-1879.

Rev. John Frost

was born at Sandgate, Vt. Grad. Middlebury College 1806 and was Preceptor of the Addison Co. Grammar School 1807-1808. Grad. Andover Theo. Sem. 1810. May 1810 entered the Ministry and engaged in the work of arousing in the Churches an interest in foreign Missions in New England and New York, declining, in the mean time, pastoral calls to Danbury, Conn. and Braintree and Williamstown, Mass. He assisted in forming the first Society (A. B. C. F. M.) of Foreign Missions. Before his call to Whitestown and Utica one Minister had supplied the Pulpits of those Churches. At his coming the Society was divided and he chose the one at Whitestown, where he was Ordained March 13, 1813, the ordination sermon being preached by Dr. Azel Backus, Pres. of Hamilton College. Mr. Frost continued Pastor of the Church twenty years. He was active in the formation at Whitestown of the Manual Labor School which later became Oneida Institute and afterwards Whitestown Seminary. He rendered valuable aid in collecting funds for that Institution, resigning his Pastorate in order to devote his entire time to that educational enterprise. He afterwards withdrew from that work and for four years was Pastor of the Church at Elmira, N. Y. On leaving that place he declined a further settlement, and supplied vacant pulpits as opportunity offered. He took cold in riding on horseback to Waterville, and died there of Pleurisy, March 1, 1842, aet. 54 years. In 1803 he married Harriet L. Gold, daughter of Hon. Thomas Ruggles Gold of Whitestown.

Trustee Hamilton College 1815-1838.

Hon. William Kendall Fuller,

Born at Schenectady, N. Y. Grad. Union College 1810, studied Law and settled in Utica in the summer of 1814, in which year he was admitted to the Bar, after a residence of two years there he removed to Chittenango, N. Y. He served as Master in Chancery and as attorney of the Stockbridge Indians. He was Member of Congress 1833-1835 and 1835-1837.

Trustee Hamilton College 1836-1840.

Hon. Obadiah German

was born in Dutchess Co., N. Y. 1767. He received an academic education and removed in 1792 to Norwich, N. Y. and was elected a Member of Assembly in 1798, 1804, 1805 and 1807 and 1809. He was in 1809 elected to a seat in the United States Senate, serving from May 22, 1809 to March 2, 1815. He voted against declaring war with Great Britain, but after hostilities were commenced he supported the war measures of the Administration. He was once more elected to serve as a member of the N. Y. Assembly in 1819 and chosen speaker. He was first Judge of Chenango County for several years, and was subsequently Loan Commissioner and Brigadier General of Militia.

He died at Norwich, N. Y. Sept. 24, 1842, aet. 75 years.

Trustee Hamilton College 1812-1813.

Rev. Nicholas Westerman Goertner, D. D.,

born in Canajoharie, N. Y. Feb. 1810, was the son of George and Anna Catherine (Westerman) Goertner. His education, preparatory to entering College, was pursued at Hartwick Seminary. He graduated from Union College in 1831. Gettysburg Theo. Sem. 1834, and was ordained to the Lutheran Ministry . In 1834 he married in Washington, D. C. , Lucretia Le Mechlin, and accepted a call to preach in Winchester, Va., where he remained three years, when he was invited to the church at Red Hook, On the Hudson, where he preached for several years, when failing health compelled him to resign his charge. He then entered the service of the American Tract Society in which he continued twelve years; first as General Agent for Central New York, and afterwards at Philadelphia as Secretary of the Pennsylvania branch. This period was interrupted by a short pastorate at Palmyra, at which time he united with the Presbyterian Synod. In 1859 he became commissioner for the purpose of raising funds for Hamilton College, in which he was eminently successful, and the College greatly prospered. In 1863 he was chosen College Pastor, and held the position until 1880.

Mrs. Goertner died suddenly at Philadelphia in Nov. 1873. Dr. Goertner died suddenly at Clinton, N. Y., January 10, 1887.

Trustee Hamilton College 1860-1863.

Hon. Thomas Ruggles Gold

son of Rev. Hezekiah Gold, for thirty years Congregational Clergyman at Cornwall, Conn. He grad. Yale College 1786 and settled in Whitestown 1792, the second Lawyer to take up his abode there. He at once reached the front rank in his profession. In 1796 he was chosen State Senator and in 1799 was appointed District Attorney General for the District then comprising the Counties of Herkimer and Otsego. In 1800 he became partner with Theodore Sill, with the firm name of Gold and Sill, which for a quarter of a century was as widely known as any in Central New York. Mr. Gold was a member of the Council of Appointment in 1800. In 1804 he ran for Congress, but was defeated by Judge Nathan Williams. In 1807 he was elected to the State Assembly. He was elected to Congress in 1810, 1812 and 1814. He died of Paralysis, suddenly at Whitestown, Oct. 25, 1827, aet 63 years. Mrs. Gold died July 18, 1852, aet. 87 years. Their eldest daughter Harriet L. married Rev. John Frost. The eldest son Theodore Sedgwick Gold grad. Hamilton College 1816, and died in Utica in 1867, aet. 67 years. The other daughter married Andrew Dexter, son of Simon Newton Dexter.
He was one of the Trustees of Hamilton Oneida Academy at its incorporation in 1793.

Trustee Hamilton College 1812-1828.

Rev. Amos Delos Gridley

Born Clinton, N. Y. Nov. 3, 1819. Grad. Hamilton College 1839. Studied Theology at Auburn, and grad. Andover Sem. 1843. Ordained Oneida Association June 11, 1846. Presbyterian Church Waterville, N. Y. 1847-51. Resided in Clinton until his death. Married April 17, 1843 Miss Ellen M. Bristol daughter of George Bristol of Clinton. 2d m. Miss Mary Twining of New Haven, Conn., Sept. 25, 1872, and died of Pleuro-Pneumonia at Clinton, Oct. 23, 1876. Aet 57 years. Received D. D. from Olivet College 1876..

Trustee of Hamilton College 1864-76.

Hon. Philo Gridley

was born at Paris, N. Y. Sept. 16, 1796, was the son of Asahel Gridley and grad. Hamilton College 1816, entering at the opening of that Institution in 1812. While teaching a classical school, he beagn the study of Law with Thaddeus M. Wood at Onondaga and continued it at Waterville, N. Y. with Othniel Williams, father of Judge Othniel Samuel Williams of Clinton, N. Y. Was admitted to the Bar in 1820, and after a few years residence at Hamilton, N. Y. he was raised to the Supreme Court Bench. Here he developed the strength, industry and indefatigable perseverance which gave him such deserved eminence in the profession. Having by his practice acquired an ample fortune, and having for several years held the office of District Attorney of Madison Co. he accepted in 1838, the appointment of Circuit Judge of the Fifth Judicial District, made vacant by the resignation of Judge Hiram Denio. In 1839 he removed to Utica, where he afterwards continued to reside. Under the Constitution of 1846 Judge Gridley was elected one of the thirty-two Judges comprising the Supreme Court of New York. He served six years, and next as one of the Judges of the Court of Appeals, when he resumed the practice of his profession in Utica, though prolonged ill health obliged him to discontinue it. His acquaintance with books was extensive for one so exclusively devoted to a single pursuit. He was fond of literary criticism and historical and scientific research.

In 1826 he married Susan, eldest daughter of Col. John Williams of Waterville, N. Y. who was born June 3, 1804. Judge Gridley died at Utica, N. Y. Aug. 16, 1864, aet. 68 years. He received the Degree of LL. D. from Hamilton College 1848.

Trustee Hamilton College 1857-1864.

Rev. Samuel Hart Gridley, D. D.

was born in Kirkland, Oneida Co., Dec. 28, 1802. United with the Church in Clinton 1820; Grad. Hamilton College 1825, and Auburn Theo. Sem. 1829. Ordained at Madison, N. Y. by Oneida Association Sept. 1829. Springville, N. Y. 1829-1830. Perry, N. Y. 1830-1836. Waterloo, N. Y. 1836 until his death. Received Degree of D. D. Hamilton College 1885. Trustee Auburn Theo. Sem. from 1840 until death. Vice President of Trustees from 1849.

April 20, 1829 he married Miss Mary Ann Hart of New Hartford, N. Y. and died at Waterloo, N. Y.

Trustee Hamilton College 1847-1885.

Hon. Ephraim Hart,

son of Judge Thomas Hart, born at Farmington, Conn. Dec. 27, 1774 and removed to Clinton, where, in its early days, he succeeded his Father as a Merchant in 1801. Removing to Utica in 1815, he was engaged as a manufacturer of iron. In 1816-22 he served as State Senator and a part of the time was a member of the Council of Appointment. He was Director of the Bank of Utica and of the Mt. Vernon Glass Co., and was the first Senior Warden of Utica Masonic Lodge, being elected to that office in 1816. He died at St. Augustine, Fla., whither he had gone for the benefit of his health, Feb. 14, 1839, aet. 63 years.

He married 1st Wealthy Kellogg in 1800, who died July 19, 1819. He married 2d Martha Seymour of Hartford, Conn, who died Feb. 16, 1871.

Trustee Hamilton College 1812-34.

Dr. Seth Hastings

eldest son of Dr. Seth and Eunice Parmele Hastings, was born at Washington, Litchfield Co. Conn. August 23, 1780. When seventeen years of age he removed with his parents to Clinton, N. Y. and completing his academic and professional studies was taken into partnership with his Father in 1801, and for nearly fifty years was a leading Physician in Clinton, and active and earnest in all religious movements. He was greatly interested in music, and for several years was leader of the Choir in the Old White Meeting House, and a Deacon of the Church. He was married to Huldah Clark, daughter of John Clark who moved from Colchester, Conn. in 1797. She was born at Colchester. May 14, 1783. Dr. Seth Hastings died at Clinton, N. Y. of Apoplexy, March 26, 1861, aet. 81 years. Of their fifteen children, George Hastings, born Clinton, N. Y. March 13, 1807, died Mt. Morris, N. Y. Aug. 29, 1866. Grad. Hamilton College 1826, and became a lawyer. His son George Seymour Hastings grad. Hamilton College 1857. His daughter Harriet Lansing married Jay Elon Lee, grad. Hamilton College 1856, and her daughter married Henry McLaren Bristol, son of Henry Platt and Martha Fake Bristol of Clinton, N. Y. Juliet, daughter of Dr. Seth and Huldah Clark Hastings, born at Clinton, N. Y. Dec. 18, 1808, married Oct. 1, 1839 Rev. Wayne Gridley of Clinton. Grad. Hamilton College 1836, and was Pastor of the Church at Clinton. Seth Parsons Merwin Hastings, son of Dr. Seth, born at Clinton April 20, 1813, grad. Ham. College 1833 and Auburn Theo. Sem. 1838. He married Elizabeth B. Buttrick of Clinton, and he died at Accord, N. Y. Feb. 24, 1876. His son Charles Merwin was born July 9, 1839, and died at Saranac Lake, N. Y. Sept. 12, 1888. He entered Hamilton College in class of 1860, and left College during his Junior year to teach.

Panet Marshall Hastings, son of Dr. Seth Hastings, was born at Clinton, N. Y. Aug. 17, 1816, and died at New Rochelle, N. Y. June 4, 1898. Grad. Hamilton College 1838.

Eurotas Parmele Hastings son of Dr. Seth Hastings, was born at Clinton, N. Y. April 17, 1821, and died at Manepi, Ceylon, July 31, 1890. He married March 9, 1853, Anna, daughter of Rev. Richard F.

Cleveland of Clinton. Grad. Hamilton College 1842 and Auburn Theo. Sem. May 1846. He was for forty-three years a Missionary in Ceylon. His son, Rev. Richard Cleveland Hastings, born at Ceylon March 27, 1854, married Aug. 10, 1883, Minnie Blanchard Truax. Grad. Hamilton College 1875 and Auburn Theo. Sem. 1878. They are now Missionaries in Ceylon.

Trustee Hamilton College 1837-1852.

Rev. Thomas Samuel Hastings

son of Thomas and Mary (Seymour) Hastings, born at Utica, N. Y. Aug. 28, 1827. Grad. Ham. Coll. 1848, and Union Theo. Sem. 1851. Ord. July 5, 1852. Pastor Presbyterian Church Mendham, N. J. 1853-56. West Presbyterian Church N. Y. City 1856-81. Prof. Sacred Rhetoric Union Theo. Sem. 1881-87. President Union Theo. Sem. 1887-97. Director Union Theo. Sem. 1864-81 and 1887-97.

A. M. Hamilton College 1851. D. D. University of New York 1865. ~~X.~~ L. D. Coll. N. J. 1890. L. H. D. Hamilton College 1898.

July 1, 1852 married Fanny De Groot, born N. Y. May 13, 1828, daughter of Henry and Mary Nesbit De Groot.

Dr. Hastings resides at 27 W. 46th St., N. Y. City.

Trustee of Hamilton College 1864-71, and 1881-83.

Sands Higinbotham

was born in Stephentown, Rensselaer Co., N. Y. in March, 1790, and a few years afterwards with his parents removed to Central New York. In his early youth he went to Utica to reside in the family of his half brother, Watts Sherman, attending school, and afterwards was employed as clerk in a store. From Utica, in 1810, when he was twenty years of age he went to Vernon to reside and there commenced business for himself as a Merchant. During his residence in Vernon of twenty four years he was known as an honorable and prosperous merchant, and a wise and conscientious man, whom all esteemed. About the year 1830, he purchased several hundred acres of land, where now is located the Village of Oneida, and in the Autumn of 1834 took up his residence upon it. Under the fostering care of Mr. Higinbotham Oneida has rapidly increased in size and importance as a business centre.

He married 1st. Temperance, daughter of John and Abigail (Moore) Carpenter in 1811. He married 2d. Cornelia Sheldon of Albany, N. Y. in 1832, and he married 3d. Catherine Garrison, nee Rowe of Schenectady, N. Y. who survived him.

Mr. Higinbotham's acquaintance with men prominent in the State was large, and he was a warm supporter of William H. Seward and Thurlow Weed, an ardent Whig of their day and later a Republican. He died in Oneida, N. Y. Sept. 1868, aet. 78 years.

Trustee Hamilton College 1836-1868.

Dr. Sewall Hopkins

born at Great Barrington, Mass., July 27th, 1769, was the third child of Col. Mark and Electa (Sergeant) Hopkins. Col. Hopkins was the brother of the distinguished Rev. Timothy Hopkins of Newport, R. I., and the son of Timothy and Mary (Judd) Hopkins. He was a lawyer and served in the Revolutionary War. He died at White Plains, N. Y. Oct. 26, 1776, two days before the battle, of disease brought on by exposure. A brother of Dr. Hopkins was Archibald, born March 23, 1776, the father of President Mark and Professor Albert, both of Williams College. Electa Sergeant Hopkins was the daughter of Rev. John Sergeant, Missionary among the Indians at Stockbridge, Mass., born Aug. 31, 1740. She was the first white child born in Stockbridge, and died at Stockbridge, July 11, 1798, aet. 58 years. She was sister of Rev. John Sergeant, Jr., Missionary to the Indians at New Stockbridge, Oneida Co., N. Y. when he died, Sept. 8, 1824, aet. 77 years.

Dr. Hopkins married Jan. 8, 1797 1st Ruth Strong, daughter of Col. Ichabod and Ruth Strong Norton of Farmington, Conn., and sister of Rev. Asahel Strong Norton of Clinton. She died at Clinton Sept. 30, 1800, leaving one daughter Cornelia, who married Dr. Moses Bristol of Buffalo, and died Aug. 4, 1823, aet. 23 years. He married 2d Prudence Hart, daughter of Judge Hart of Clinton and sister of Hon. Ephraim Hart of Clinton and, later, of Utica. Their children were Catharine, wife of the late Dr. Almon Beardsley; Anne, wife of the late Rev. Asahel Clark Kendrick, grad. Hamilton College 1831, and afterwards Professor of Greek in Madison University; and Frances, Mary and Jeanette, who were unmarried. These are all now deceased, Mrs. Hopkins having died April 27, 1854. Dr. Hopkins' medical education was pursued under the care of his Uncle Dr. Erastus Sergeant of Stockbridge, Mass. and soon after its completion removed to Clinton, N. Y. and entered upon the duties of his chosen profession . "His quiet and impressive manners, his affectionate disposition, his devotion to duty, his capacity for business and his honorable conduct tended to secure for him the respect of his neighbors and acquaint-

ances, while his conversance with his profession and the interest he showed in the welfare of his patients, gained him their confidence and affection."

In the year 1792 he aided in the establishment of Hamilton Oneida Academy, contributing to its funds and was one of its Trustees. at its incorporation in 1793. In February, 1818, he acted as Secretary of the meeting of farmers and others which convened at Whitesboro, which formed the first agricultural society of the County. He was one of the founders of the Oneida County Medical Society, and after having served for two years as Vice President, was made President in 1808 and again in 1810, but nine years later he declined the honor of another term; he continued to attend the meetings down to 1830. He withdrew from Practice several years before his death, and contented himself with his garden and his flowers.

He died at Clinton, March 30, 1846, aet 76 years and 8 months.

Trustee Hamilton Oneida Academy from its establishment.
Trustee Hamilton College 1814-1833.

Jasper Hopper

son of Andrew Hopper, born N. Y. City June 10, 1770. The family was Dutch and the original ancestors came to America in 1620. His Grandfather served as a Lieutenant in Gen. Havenor's Campaign against the Indians. He was christened as "Casperus", but his official signature was Jasper. He was educated in N. Y. City and at seventeen years of age entered the office of the Secretary of State as Clerk. While in Albany he acted for the Winter as Clerk of the Assembly. On Nov. 1791 he was appointed Deputy Secretary of State, which office he held until 1802, when he received the appointment of Clerk of the County of Onondaga. In 1799 he was admitted an honorary member of the Law Society of Albany. On removing to Onondaga he took up his residence at Onondaga Hollow, continuing in the office of County Clerk, with the exception of one year until 1818.

During the War of 1812 he was U. S. Commissary for procuring and distributing rations to the Army on its way to and from the frontier. He was for nineteen years Post Master of Onondaga Hollow - a friend of education, he was active in procuring a Charter for Onondaga Academy and was one of its original Trustees, and held the office until his death at Onondaga Hollow, N. Y. June 30, 1848, aet. 78 years.

He was married Oct. 4, 1800 to Miss Charlotte Newcomb of Dutchess Co., N. Y.. He was one of the founders of the Presbyterian Church at Onondaga Hill, of which Rev. Dirck Cornelius Lansing was Pastor 1806-1811.

Trustee Hamilton College 1812-1816.

William Hotchkiss

resided at Clinton, N. Y. He was appointed Postmaster of Clinton, July 31, 1807. He was attorney, and was appointed Superintendent of the Brotherton Tribe of Indians, January 8, 1812.

1812-17

Hon. Thomas Hill Hubbard

son of Rev. Bela Hubbard, D. D., first Rector of Trinity Church, New Haven, Conn. was born at New Haven, Dec. 5, 1781 and grad. Yale College 1799, receiving the Degree of A. M. 1807. He studied Law and was admitted to the Bar, settling in Hamilton, N. Y. and was made Prosecuting Attorney next after Gen. Joseph Kirkland, and also held the office of Surrogate of Madison Co. ten years. He was Presidential Elector in 1812, in 1844 and 1852, and was a Member of Congress 1817-1819 and 1821-1823. In 1823 he removed to Utica, and June 1823 was appointed Clerk of the Court of Chancery, which office he held a short time, when he was elected Clerk of the Supreme Court, which position he occupied until 1835. He was respected by all, and those who knew him well were his warm and devoted friends. He died at Utica May 21 (22) 1857. He was Trustee of Utica Academy and Hamilton Academy.

Trustee Hamilton College 1817-1827 and 1832-1839.

Trustee 1812-21.

Hon. Henry Huntington, born May 28, 1766. Grad. Dartmouth Coll. 1783. Studied Law, but soon abandoned this for commercial pursuits. He established himself in New York, having an interest in a firm in Rome, to which place he removed and where he lived until his death.

Mr. Huntington was President of the Bank of Utica 32 years, from 1813 until his resignation a short time before his decease.

In 1805-6-7 he was a member of the N. Y. Senate. In 1806 was also a member of the Council of Appointment. In 1816-18 a member of Assembly, and 1801 and 1821 member of the Convention for revising the State Constitution, and also in 1808 and 1812 a Presidential Elector.

He married Miss Catherine M. Havens, and died in Rome, N. Y. Oct. 15, 1846, aet. 80 years.

Trustee Hamilton College 1812-21.
also Trustee Hamilton College 1817-1827.

HENRY HUNTINGTON

For further information, see:

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Charles Clark Kingsley

son of Thomas Layton Kingsley (born in Swansea, R. I., Feb. 7, 1810- died at Utica, May 19, 1873) and Julia (Bailey Kingsley (born at Lebanon, Conn., May 16, 1810, still living) was born in Utica Feb. 11, 1830, and grad. Hamilton College 1849. May 15, 1853, he married Frances Elizabeth Rawson, born Sept. 24, 1830, in Whitestown, N. Y. daughter of Pelatiah Rawson, grad. Hamilton College 1817, and born Westmoreland, N. Y. in 1787, died Aug. 24, 1847, aet. 58 years, and Julia Peck, born Westmoreland, May 19, 1794, died at Utica 1887, aet. 94 years.

After graduating from College Mr. Kingsley engaged with his Father in business and was highly successful. His residence is, and has always been in Utica. He is President of the Board of Trustees of Hamilton College and is the oldest member in time of service. He has been Trustee for twenty years of Utica Ladies Seminary. School Commissioner three years. For about 20 years Trustee of First Presbyterian Church, and for many years Trustee of Hope Presbyterian Chapel for colored people, and for eight years President of Peoples Savings Bank, of Utica. His son Charles Rawson Kingsley grad. Hamilton College 1878 and resides at Staten Island, N. Y.

Trustee Hamilton College since 1867. - 1910

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Hon. James Samuel Kip

Born N. Y., and was the son of a Dutch Gentleman, whose farm was at Kips Bay, N. Y. City. He was a Nephew of Abraham Herring, to whom Peter Smith was apprenticed, and whose influence, no doubt, induced him to remove to Utica about 1790 as one of its earliest settlers. July 19, 1794 he bought lot No. 96 containing 400 acres, which is now in the heart of Utica. He built a log store on leased land adjoining his own property. He was Inspector of Militia, and was made Sheriff in 1804, holding the office 9 years. April 15, 1815 was appointed Judge of Oyer and Terminer. He was first President of the Bank of Utica, and one of its first Board of Directors in 1812. In 1812 he was Presidential Elector. In 1825 he moved to New Haven, but returned in 1830 to Utica, where he died August 27, 1831, aet. 64 years.

He married Eliza, daughter of Mrs. Dakin, an English lady, who for a time resided on Paris Hill, but who afterwards removed to Utica. He left four children: Ann, who married Hon. Theodore Sedgwick Gold; Mary, who married Hon. Chas. Pinckney Kirkland; Samuel Kirkpatrick (graduate of Hamilton College 1823, died 1870, aet. 67 years), and Elizabeth. Judge Kip married 2d Miss Merwin in 1812.

Trustee of Hamilton College 1812-25.

Gen. Joseph Kirkland

Nephew of Rev. Samuel Kirkland, born at Norwich, Conn. June 18, 1770, was grad. Yale College, 1790, having as Classmate Rev. Asahel Strong Norton, D. D. He settled in New Hartford 1794, and was one of the earliest Lawyers in the County previous to its organization as that of Oneida. In company with Thomas Ruggles Gold, Jonas Platt, Erastus Clark and Nathan Williams he was admitted to practice in the new County of Oneida. In 1801 he ran as Delegate to the State Constitutional Convention, receiving the same number of votes as Henry Huntington, his opponent, but the office was given to Mr. Huntington. In 1803-1804-1805 he was chosen a Member of the State Assembly and was District Attorney from Feb. 13, 1813 to Feb. 1816. Brigadier General Militia 1811-1812. In 1813 he removed to Utica where he resided thirty years. In 1818-1821 he served as Assemblyman, and in 1821 was elected to 17th Congress, where he served one term succeeding Henry Randolph Storrs, and in 1825 was again elected to the Assembly. He was the first Mayor of the city of Utica 1832, and re-elected 1834-1836. He was one of the first directors of the Ontario Branch Bank and also one of the first Directors of the Utica Savings Bank. He married Sarah Backus, and died Feb. 2, 1844.

His children were: Chas. Pinckney Kirkland, Trustee of Hamilton College 1833-50; William Kirkland, Prof. Latin Hamilton College 1825-27; Edward Kirkland; Mary, wife of J. M. Holley; Eliza, wife of Judge William Johnson Bacon; Sarah, wife of Hon. John Gelston Floyd; Louisa wife of Judge Tracy; John Thornton Kirkland and Francis Kirkland.

Trustee Hamilton College 1812-1832.

Rev. Richard (Dirck) Cornelius Lansing

was born at Lansingburg, N. Y. March 3, 1785. He graduated from Yale College in 1804 and was ordained Pastor at Onondaga, N. Y. Dec. 1807, where he resided eight years from 1806. Stillwater, N. Y. 1814-1816. Park Street Church Boston, Mass. 1816. Auburn, N. Y. 1st. Church 1817-1829, resided in Auburn 1835-1838. Illinois 1838-1839, Utica, Syracuse and Auburn 1839-1846. Chrystie Street Church, N. Y. City 1846-1848. Clinton Avenue Church, Brooklyn, N. Y. 1848-1855. Director Princeton Theo. Sem. 1812. Trustee Auburn Theo. Sem. 1820-1830, and 1835 to 1857. Vice President Board of Trustees 1820-1824. Prof. Sacred Rhet. and Past. Theol. Auburn 1821-1826. Received the Degree of D. D. Williams College 1826.

He married 1st. Miss Elizabeth Vonderheyden of Lansingburg, New York, Feb. 14, 1805. 2d. Miss Laura Alexander of Onondaga, N. Y. Feb. 11, 1813. 3d. Miss Susan Frances Van Raust of New York Nov. 28, 1831. 4th. Mrs. Laura Camp Dickinson of Hanover, N. H. April 15, 1852. He died of Inflammation of the Stomach at Walnut Hills, Ohio, March 19, 1857.

Trustee Hamilton College 1812-14 and 1819-33.

John Hosmer Lothrop

son of John and Mary Lothrop, born New Haven, Conn. May 1, 1769. Grad. Yale College 1787, having as one of his classmates Rev. Dr. Azel Backus. He studied Law in New Haven and Hartford, and was admitted to the Bar in Connecticut and practiced a short time in Middletown. Feb. 1, 1789 he married Jerusha, daughter of Rev. Samuel and Jerusha Bingham Kirkland, he having for some time resided in Georgia, where he accumulated a fortune. He settled in Utica in 1795 or 6. After his marriage in 1797 he began the occupation of a gentleman farmer at Oriskany, but becoming involved by endorsing notes, he was Copyist in the County Clerk's office. In 1803 he became editor of the Whitestown Gazette and Cato's Patrol, which name he changed to "The Utica Patrol". He moving to Utica, became also a Deputy in the office of the Supreme Court Clerk. He built a house in 1809 which he sold in 1811 and took up his residence in New Hartford, where he remained five years practicing as a Lawyer. Having been appointed Cashier of the Ontario Branch Bank he returned to Utica.

He was a member of the first Board of Trustees of Hamilton College and for a long time its Secretary.

His children were: Chas. Kirkland, died Sept. 18, 1819, aet. 20 years; Cornelia Green, first wife of Hon. Chas. Pinckney Kirkland; Samuel Kirkland, D. D., for many years Pastor Brattle Street Church, Boston, Mass.; Mary Ann, married Hon. Edmund Arnold Wetmore; Frances Eliza, married President John Hiram Lathrop of the Missouri University; William Kirkpatrick; John Thornton; Sarah Parsons.

John Hosmer Lothrop died in Utica June 15, 1829, aet. 60 years.

Trustee Hamilton College 1812-29.

General Henry McNiel,

Born Conn. Jan 11, 1763. United with Congregational Church, Paris Hill, where he resided from about 1790 until he removed to Clinton a few years before he died. He was a School Teacher and Surveyor, was a member of N. Y. Legislature 1798-9. 1807-8-10-13-19 Supt. of Brotherton Indians. 1798 Town Clerk of Paris 18 years. Com. of Common Schools 4 years. Brigadier General of Militia 1811-12. Justice of Peace 4 years. Nov. 18, 1792 married Mrs. Margaret Simmons Pierce of Paris Hill. 2d married Mrs. Nancy Steele Hopkins, March 1837. dau. of Rev Eliphalet Steele (grad. Yale Coll. 176[illegible]) first Pastor of the Church in Paris. Where he was installed June 15. 17[illegible] and where he died Oct. 7. 1817 aet 75 [illegible]

General McNiel died at Clinton, N. Y. May 16, 1844, aet 81 years.

Trustee of Auburn Theo. Sem. 1820-1 and 1822-31.

Trustee of Hamilton College 1812-28.

Rev. Henry Mandeville

was born at Kinderhook, N. Y. March 4th,1804. Grad. Union College 1826. Studied Theology and settled in Geneva, where he received a call from the Reformed Church of Utica, N. Y. to become its Pastor. He accepted and on August 17, 1834, his installation taking place Oct. 12th, after a little more than six years of labor, he resigned Jan. 20th, 1841. He removed from Utica to Clinton to accept the Chair of Moral Philosophy and Rhetoric in Hamilton College, which position he held until his resignation in 1849. Subsequently he was settled over the Government Street Presbyterian Church, Mobile, Alabama, where he died Oct. 2, 1868. He received in 1847 the Degree of D. D. from Union College.

Trustee Hamilton College 1838-1841.

Hon. Arunah Metcalf

son of Zebulon Metcalf, of Lebanon, Conn., was born 1771. He was a Farmer and removed about 1794 to Otsego, N. Y., where for a nunber of years he represented the people in a number of official positions of trust and responsibility. He was Sheriff of Otsego Co. in 1806-10, and Member of Assembly 1814-15-16-28. He was elected to the Congress of 1811-13. He subsequently removed to Cooperstown, N. Y., where he died Aug. 15, 1848, aet. 77 years. He married July 6, 1791, Eunice, daughter of Veach Williams, of Lebanon, Conn.

Trustee Hamilton College 1812-13.

The records of the Trustees of the College show that Mr. Metcalf attended none of the meetings of the Board, and having expressed a willingness to resign his seat, it and that of Walter Fish were declared vacant. Sept. 14. 1813.

Rev. Linus Merrill Miller, D. D.

was born at Rochester, N. Y. Oct. 13, 1819, son of Lewis Linus and M. Hodges Allen Miller. Grad. Hamilton College 1840. Entered Princeton Theo. Sem. in the Class of '40, but on account of ill health left at the close of the second year. He was licensed to preach in Nov. 1843, and ordained and installed at Bath, N. Y. Oct. 15, 1844, remaining until May 1851, when he was installed Pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Ogdensburg, N. Y. where he has since preached, a Pastorate of forty-eight years. Dr. Miller received the Degree of D. D. from Hamilton College 1865.

May 13, 1846 he was married at Bath, N. Y. to Lydia, daughter of David Rumsey and Lydia Styles Rumsey.

Trustee Hamilton College 1869-1901

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Morris Smith Miller

Son of Dr. Matthias Burnett Miller of Long Island, a Surgeon in the Revolutionary War, and attached to the Regiment of Col. Rutgers. Was born 1780. On the death of Dr. Miller his widow opened a boarding-house in New York City, and so obtained the means to educate the son, who graduated from Union College in 1798 with the valedictory. He studied Law with Cornelius Wendell of Cambridge, N. Y., and began practice in Lowville, N. Y. early in the present century, and soon after became Private Secretary to Gov. Jay. About 1802 Mr. Miller was appointed Agent to sell lands about Lowville until 1806 when he removed to Utica, where he began the practice of Law, and success was immediate. Within two years he was made President of the village, and within four years was appointed first Judge of the County, a position which he held by successive appointments until his death, with credit and public approval. In 1813-15 he represented the 13th District in Congress. In July 1819, he was sent to Buffalo to represent the U. S. Government at the negotiation of the Treaty between the Seneca Indians and the Proprietors of the Seneca Reservation. He occupied the house which had been used by Peter Smith and James Samuel Kip.

He married Miss Bleecker of Albany, and died in Utica, Nov. 19, 1824, and his remains were placed in the vault of the Bleecker family in Albany. Mrs. Miller died in Utica, March 15, 1850.

Trustee of Hamilton College 1812-21.

Rev. Simeon North, LL. D., S. T. D.,

born at Berlin, Hartford Co., Conn. Sept. 7, 1802, was in the seventh generation from John North whose name appears among the original proprietors and settlers of Farmington, Conn. in 1653. He graduated from Yale College in 1825 with the valedictory oration, and from the Yale Divinity School in 1828. In 1827 he was appointed to a tutorship in Yale College and in 1829 was elected to the Chair of Ancient languages in Hamilton College. His ten years of service as a Professor were followed by his election to the Presidency in 1839, as the successor of Dr. Joseph Penney. His inaugural discourse was delivered in the old Stone Church in Clinton May 8, 1839, in connection with the Junior exhibition of the Class of 1840. Dr. North held the Presidency until 1857, and gave diplomas to 661 graduates and honorary Alumni in nineteen classes. His connection with the College as Prof., President, and Trustee covers the long period of fifty five years. In 1840 President North was elected Trustee of Auburn Theo. Sem. and held that office nine years. He received the degree of LL. D. from Western Reserve College in 1842, and that of S. T. D. from Weslyan University in 1849.

A list of published discourses on special occasions, would include his inaugural address in 1839 on "The American System of Collegiate Education"; "Faith in the World's Conversion"; a sermon before the Oneida County Bible Society in 1842; Anglo-Saxon Literature, an oration before the Connecticut Alpha of Phi Beta Kappa in 1847; "The Weapons of Christian Warfare", a baccalaureate sermon before the class of 1849; "Obedience in Death", a sermon delivered at the funeral of Professor Marcus Catlin Sept. 13, 1849, and several others. His half-Century letter of reminiscences in 1879 was his last contribution to the literature of the College.

April 21, 1835 Dr. North was married to Miss Frances Harriet Hubbard, daughter of Dr. Thomas Hubbard, Professor of Surgery in Yale College, who died in Clinton, January 21, 1881. Dr. North resigned the Presidency of Hamilton College in ~~1815~~ 1857, and died on College Hill, February 9, 1884, aet. 82 years.

Trustee Hamilton College 1839-1884.

Rev. David Longworth Ogden

Born Conn., grad. Yale College 1814, Andover Theo. Sem. 1818. Ord. Oct. 31, 1821. Southington, Conn. 1821-36. Presbyterian Church Whitestown, N. Y. 1836-44. Cong. Church Marlboro, Mass. 1848-50. Without charge New Haven, Conn. until he died there Oct. 31, 1863. Aet. 71 years.

1841-47

Hon. Jonas Platt

son of Zephaniah Platt, was born at Poughkeepsie, N. Y. June 30, 1769. He studied Law with Col. Richard Varick in New York and was admitted to the Bar in 1790. He was one of the early pioneers of Whitestown, locating there early in 1791, seven years after Hugh White had built his log cabin. When Herkimer County was organized, Feb. 17, 1791, he was appointed Clerk of the new County and held the office until Oneida was set off from it in 1798, when he became Clerk of that Co., holding the office in 1809-11-12-13. At the first Court of Record held within the present limits of Oneida, which was a term of the Herkimer Common Pleas held in Jan. 1794, he was Clerk of the Court, and at the first term of the Oneida Common Pleas held in May 1798, he was placed on a committee to prepare rules for its guidance. In 1798 he represented the Counties of Oneida and Onondaga in the State Senate. In the sixth Congress 1799-01 he represented the ninth Congressional District. In 1810-11-12-13 he was State Senator from the Western District. In 1810 he was candidate for Governor against Daniel D. Tompkins. In 1814 he was appointed Judge of the Supreme Court, in place of Judge Smith Thompson, which position he held until Jan. 29, 1823, when he was "Constitutionalized" out of office by the Constitution of 1821. In 1821 he was a member of the Constitutional Convention. Upon his retirement to private life he took up his residence in Utica resuming the practice of Law in partnership with his son Zephaniah, but within three or four years removed to New York where he practiced with great success until near the close of his life. He died in Peru, Clinton Co., Feb. 22, 1834. In 1790 he married Helen, daughter of Henry Livingston and sister of the wife of Arthur Breese with whom he was associated in business. He was a Trustee of Hamilton Oneida Academy, at its incorporation in 1793. and father of Zephaniah Platt, class of 1815. and, also, Trustee Union College 1795-95.

Trustee Hamilton College 1812-1815.

Rev. Pierre Alexis Proal, S. T. D.

Born at Newark, N. J. Sept. 24, 1796, and was the son of Pierre and Mary Ann (Phillips) Proal. (The father was a native of Arles, France, was an officer in the French Navy and became an exile during the French Revolution. He came to America and married Mary Ann Phillips at Newark, N. J. Dec. 16, 1795. Mr. Pierre Proal died at Middletown, Conn. April 13, 1836. Mrs. Proal died at New York City, Jan. 16, 1842.) Pierre Alexis Proal studied for the Ministry under Bishop Hobart and was ordained Deacon by him in the French Church Du St. Esprit, New York City, Sept. 1818, and Priest in Trinity Church Lansingburgh, N. Y. July 13, 1820. He was in charge of St. John's Church Johnstown, N. Y. from 1819 to 1821, when he was called to St. John's Church, Schenectady, N. Y., where he remained fifteen years as Rector, until called to Trinity Church, Utica, N. Y. January 15, 1836. While in Schenectady he held the position of Instructor of French in Union College 1826-36. While Rector in Trinity Church, Utica, he was Secretary of the Diocese of Western New York, a delegate to the General Convention and prominent in the general work of the Church. Dr. Proal was scholarly, eloquent as a preacher, strong in his convictions and determined to enforce them. He served as Rector at Utica, until his death, which occurred there Sept. 15, 1857. Dr. Proal was married Nov. 17, 1818 1st. Maria Haulenbeck, daughter of Isaac Peter and Mary Ann (Hurbin) Haulenbeck. Mrs. Proal died at Utica June 13, 1839. Dr. Proal married 2d. Mrs. Susan (Breese) Stout, daughter of Arthur Breese of Utica, and widow of Jacob Stout of New York.

Trustee Hamilton College 1836-1857.

Jedediah Sanger

born Shelburne, (or Sherborn,) Mass. Feb. 29, 1751. He was the son of Richard and Deborah Sanger. In May 1782 he removed to Jeffries, Cheshire Co., N. H., and in March 1788 to New Hartford, N. Y. In 1794-95 was Member of Assembly, and in 1796 to 1800 was a Member of the N. Y. Senate. He was the first Supervisor of Whitestown and served for three successive years. He was the first Judge of Oneida Co. and held that office until 1810, when he resigned, being disqualified by age limit. In May, 1771 married Sarah Rider, who died Sept. 26, 1814. Married 2d Aug. 31, 1815, Sarah B. Kissam, who died April 23d, 1825. Married 3d Oct. 3, 1827, Fanny Dench who died May, 1842.

Judge Sanger died June 6, 1829.

He was the "founder of New Hartford", and also a Trustee of the Bank of Utica 1812, and Trustee Hamilton Oneida Academy. at its incorporation 1793.

Trustee Hamilton College 1812-1818.

Judge Sanger was the brother of Daniel Sanger and uncle of Richard Sanger, Trustee Ham. Coll. 1818-21. received the education usually given to boys of that period in New England attend the school of his native village. He became a merchant but was made bankrupt by a disastrous fire. March 1788. He commenced the settlement of New Hartford. He was a model man for his or any time and with success came ability. He discharged all his debts principal and interest, in his former home Jeffries, Mass. Possessing great energy & decision of character, close application to business and strict integrity at a time when only the best men were sought to guide our public affairs or administer justice. He was chosen the first supervisor of Whitestown, holding the office three successive years. In 1794 he was elected to represent Herkimer and Onondaga Counties in the state assembly, and was his own successor in 1795. In 1797 he was state senator, and retained that office until 1801. March 22. 1798 he was appointed first Judge of the Court of Common Pleas and remained in that office until March 5. 1810, when he became disqualified by age limit. "His charities were widely extended and his munificence reared and supported several edifices devoted to the service of his Maker. His virtues are indelibly impressed upon the hearts of his country men." "In church or in state he wore fine black clothes, knee breeches, fine shoes and knee buckles."

Richard Sanger

son of Daniel Sanger, was born in Framingham, Mass. in 1769. (The ancestry of Richard Sanger is as follows: Richard Sanger 1st born in England and settled in Hingham, Mass. about 1636 and died there in 1660. Richard 2nd died Watertown, Mass. 1690, seven children, the sixth child being Richard 3d. born 1666, died 1731. This Richard 3d. established himself in Sherburn, Mass. about 1688 and had nine children, the seventh child being Richard 4th. born in Sherburn in 1706, died in Sherburn 1786, had ten children, the fifth son was Daniel, born in Sherburn, married and died in Framingham, Mass. 1740. His fifth child was Richard 5th. born in Framingham, Mass. (as above),).

Richard Sanger 5th married Rachel Butler of Middletown, Conn., the eldest of the seven daughters of Eli Jr. and Rachel (Stocking) Butler of Middletown, Conn. (Eli Butler was born in Middletown Jan. 26, 1740, was Captain of Volunteer Cavalry in the Revolutionary War, moved to New Hartford, N. Y. The deed to his farm dated April 17, 1795; he died there April 19, 1802. Rachel Stocking, his wife, was born Jan. 29, 1743 and died Sept. 1, 1805.) Their children were Elbridge Gerry Sanger, born in New Hartford, N. Y. Nov. 11, 1798, died at New Haven, Conn. Dec. 30, 1893, aet. 95 years. Second son Henry Kirkland, was born in New Hartford 1799; died at Detroit, Mich. 1864, aet. ~~74~~ 65 years. He graduated from Hamilton College 1818, was a Banker for many years in Utica, Canandaigua and Detroit, where he died 1864. Richard Sanger, 6th Jr., was born at New Hartford, N. Y. Richard Sanger 5th. was a member of Amicable Lodge No. 25 F. & A. M., Mass. as early as 1794. "New Hartford Manufacturing Co. incorporated by special act, March 30, 1810, by Richard Sanger, Joseph Kirkland and others. In 1813 his name was among many letters at New Hartford Post Office. He was a member of New York Assembly in 1815. He and Judge Jedediah Sanger and Judge Joseph Kirkland were all active and influential members of the Masonic Fraternity in 1795, the Lodge room being the entire upper floor of the dwelling occupied and furnished by Judge Jedediah Sanger." Richard Sanger 5th died 1843, aet. 74 years.

Trustee Hamilton College 1818-1821.

Horatio Seymour

was born at Pompey, N. Y., May 31, 1810. At 9 years of age he removed to Utica. Educated at the Academy at Oxford and a student at Hobart College, Geneva, N. Y. 2 years. Middletown, Conn. studies Law and was admitted to the Bar in 1832. From 1833 to 1839 he served on the Military staff of Gov. Marcy. In 1841 elected to the State Assembly. Re-elected three times and in 1845 was chosen Speaker. In 1842 while in the Assembly he was elected Mayor of Utica. In 1850 he was nominated for Governor and was defeated, but elected to the same office in 1852. He was renominated in 1854, and defeated, but elected for the second time in 1862. In August 1864 he presided over the Democratic National Convention at Chicago, which nom. Gen. McClellan for President, and also over the Convention in N. Y. in 1868, at which he was placed in nomination for the Presidency. Received the Degree of LL. D. from Hamilton College 1858. L. H. D. Univ. State N. Y. 1870.

He married May 31, 1835, Mary, youngest daughter of John Rutger Bleecker of Albany, N. Y. Mr. Seymour died at Deerfield, N. Y. Feb. 12, 1886, aet. 76 years.

Trustee Hamilton College 1844-1886.

Rev. Asa Dodge Smith, D. D., LL. D.,

son of Dr. Rogers and Sally (Dodge) Smith, was born at Amherst, Sept. 31, 1804. Grad. Dartmouth College 1830. Prin. of Academy, Limerick, Maine 1830-1831; studied Divinity, graduating at Andover Theo. Sem. 1834; was ordained Pastor of the Brainard, now the 14th St. Presbyterian Church, N. Y. City, Nov. 2, 1834; lectured as Professor of Pastoral Theology at the Union Theo. Sem. 1843-1844; dismissed from the 14th St. Church Oct. 15, 1863 to be inaugurated Oct. 18, 1863, seventh President of Dartmouth College, Williams College.conferred the degree of D. D. in 1849, and the University of New York LL. D. in 1864. Dr. Smith published "Letters to a Young Student" 1838; "Memoirs of Mrs. Louisa Adams Leavitt" 1843; "Importance of a Scriptural Ministry"; A Sermon before the Synod of N. Y. and N. J. in 1848. "Obedience to Human Law", "AThanksgiving Sermon" 1850; "The Guileless Israelite"; and sermon on the death of Mr. Jos. Brewster 1850. "Personal Piety as related to the Missionary Work" and several others on various occasions and two Baccalaureate Sermons. Dr. Smith married Nov. 9, 1836, Sarah Ann, daughter of John Adams at North Andover, Mass. and died at Hanover, N. H. August 16, 1877, act. 73 years.

Prudential Comm. Call. 1858-64.

Hon. Azariah Smith

son of Matthew Smith, a farmer in moderate circumstances, was born at Middlefield, Mass., Dec. 7, 1784. He received only the limited education of the Common Schools, except three months at the Winfield Academy. He was employed upon his Father's farm during the Summer, and for a few years before he was of age he taught School in the Winter months. About April, 1807, he started on horseback for Onondaga Hill, intending to become a clerk in a store, where he was employed about six months. On June 3d, 1807, he opened a store on his own account in Manlius Village, where soon, by his tact and capacity for business, he established himself in the confidence of the community and his success was assured. He soon proved himself an accomplished business man in all its branches, uncorrupt and of approved integrity. He resided forty years in Manlius Village and was closely identified with its government, its educational and religious growth, and was an earnest worker in the Presbyterian Church. In 1814, he was elected Trustee of the Public Lot of Manlius and as such assisted in the original survey and sale. He was for several successive years chosen Supervisor of the Town. He was elected in 1824, Presidential Elector, and as such cast his vote for President John Quincy Adams. He was Assemblyman in 1838-39-40, in 1838 serving on the "Committee on Claims" and in 1839 was its Chairman and in 1838 was also on the Com. on Prisons and Penitentiaries. During his life he was distinguished for his enterprise, his liberality and devotedness to the public good. He died at New Haven, Conn., Nov. 12, 1846, aet. 62 years, and was mourned by the community universally.

Aug., 1811, he was married to Miss Zilpha Mack. He was elected a Trustee of Auburn Theo. Sem. in 1841, but never served as such.

Trustee Hamilton College 1838-1846.

Hon. Peter Smith

son of Gerrit P. (born June 15, 1743 and died Oct. 7, 1826) and Wyntje (Lent) Smith, (born July 16, 1750 and died at Schenectady Feb. 17, 1834) was born in Greenbush, Rockland Co., N. Y. Nov. 15, 1768. His ancestors were Hollanders and he was the eldest son. The family lived on a farm near Tappan. At the age of sixteen he was apprenticed as clerk in the importing house of Abraham Herring in New York. At this time he is said to have exhibited a taste for theatricals and was an actor of subordinate parts in the old Park Theatre. Versatile and persuasive, he was a man to impress himself on others and win confidence. He became a partner with John Jacob Astor, a poor man like himself, but endowed like himself with the qualities that ensure success. They traded in furs, which they obtained from the Indians. It was their custom to go to Albany by sloop and thence on foot to the interior of the State, buying furs of the natives and in various ways carry them to Albany and thence by water to New York. At the end of about three years he left New York, and settled with a small supply of goods for a country store at Fall Hill near Little Falls, N. Y., where he remained one year when he removed to old Fort Schuyler, and erected a log store on the site of what is now Bagg's Hotel in 1787 and afterwards a dwelling, which he occupied in 1792 and which was afterwards occupied by James Samuel Kip and Morris Smith Miller. His later residence was on Broad Street, where his son Gerrit was born and was attached to a farm of two or three hundred acres. He, early in his residence in Utica began trading with the Indians, continuing his partnership with Mr. Astor. He gained their friendship, learning to speak their language fluently, and so obtained from them a tract of land of fifty thousand acres situated in Oneida and Madison Counties, in which latter County Peterboro is situated to which he removed in 1806, after a residence of three years at Yorkville, then known as Wetmore's Mills. He was Sheriff of Herkimer Co. On the organization of Madison Co. he was appointed County Judge, and the following year became first Judge, which position he held with credit until 1821. Several years before his death he removed to Schenectady where he resided until his death.

Judge Peter Smith married 1st. Feb. 5, 1792 Elizabeth, daughter of Col. James Livingston of Montgomery Co., N. Y. She was born in Lower Canada May 18, 1773. Her Father was a graduate of Columbia College, a lawyer, and Colonel of a N. Y. Regiment in the Revolutionary War. Mrs. Smith was second cousin of Chancellor Livingston. They had six children, four reaching maturity: Cornelia Wyntje, Peter Skenandoah, Gerrit and Adolphus Lent. Mrs. Smith died in Utica, Aug. 27, 1818. Judge Smith married 2d. Sarah Pogson of Charleston, S. C., an English lady, who died about 1866. Judge Smith died at Schenectady, N. Y. April 13, 1837, which place had been his residence since April 1825.

Trustee Hamilton College 1812-14.

Rev. Samuel Finley Snowden

was born at Philadelphia, Pa. April 24, 1767, and grad. Princeton College 1783, studying Theology under Drs. Witherspoon and Smith, and was licensed to preach by the Presbytery of New Brunswick, N. J. Nov. 24, 1794, being ordained and installed at Princeton, N. J. Nov. 25, 1794. He resigned on account of ill health April 29, 1801, but was afterwards settled successively at Whitestown, N. Y., New Hartford, N. Y., installed May, 1807 and dismissed August 1813, and Sackett's Harbor, N. Y., at which latter place he died suddenly, May 1845, aet. 78 years.

Trustee Hamilton College 1812-1818.

Rev. William Henry Spencer

was born at Madison, Conn. Oct. 13, 1813. Grad. Auburn Theo. Sem. 1845. Ord. Pastor, Utica, N. Y. by Presb. of Utica 1845. First Presbyterian Church, Utica 1844-1850; First Presbyterian Church Milwaukee, Wis. 1850-1854. Sec. of Assembly's Committee of Publication, Philadelphia 1855-1856. Pastor Rock Island, Ill. 1857-1858. Westminster Church Chicago, Ill. 1859-1861.

He married Miss Almira Hopkins of Williamstown, Mass. and died of Gangrene of the Liver at Chicago, Feb. 17, 1861, aet. 47 years. Trustee Auburn Theo. Sem. 1849-1851.

Trustee Hamilton College 1850-1851.

Rev. Henry Lemuel Storrs

was born July 1, 1811, son of Henry Randolph and Esther (White) Storrs. Grad. Union College 1833. Studied Theology with Rev. Henry Anthon of Utica, and grad. General Theo. Sem., N. Y. City, 1836, when he was admitted to Holy Orders. First charge was at Cold Spring, N. Y., then a little while at Yonkers, N. Y., and in New Hartford three years, and then in St. John's Church Yonkers eleven years, until his death May 16, 1852.

He married Elizabeth, daughter of Leonard Kip of New York City.

Trustee Hamilton College 1840-1844.

Jeremiah Van Rensselaer

son of Gen. Robert Van Rensselaer, of Claverack, N. Y. where he was born. He lived when a boy with Gen. Philip Schuyler. He first engaged in Mercantile pursuits, settling in Canajoharie, N. Y. in 1795. About 1800 he removed to Utica and continued in his business as a Merchant. He was one of the first Board of Utica Village Trustees under the Charter of 1805, and for two years its President, also of the Ontario Branch Bank and President of the Capron Factory Coal Co., and was likewise a member of the First Presbyterian Church as well as President of the first Board of the Utica Academy.

He married Miss Sybil Adeline Kane. He and Mrs. Van Rensselaer died in 1828. Mrs. Van Rensselaer and her family were leaders of society in Utica, her daughters being as eminent for their beauty and accomplishments as their Mother.

Trustee Hamilton College 1816-1824.

Rev. Robert George Vermilye, S. T. D.

son of William W. and Mary (Montgomery) Vermilye, was born in New York City, March 3, 1812. Grad. Columbia College 1831 and pursued his theological studies under the care of Rev. Dr. Potts and others in New York. He was Tutor in Columbia College 1835-1837, and from 1837 to 1843 was adjunct Professor of the Greek and Latin languages in the same Institution. He received the Degree of A. M. from Columbia College in 1836 and also the Degree of S. T. D. in 1851. His first Pastoral charge was at German Valley, N. J., removing to Clinton, N. Y. in 1846, where he was Pastor of the Congregational Church from June 1846 to October 1857, when he became Professor of Christian Theology in the Theological Institute of Connecticut at Hartford, where he died July 5, 1875, aet. 63 years. He married March 31, 1836, Anna Maria McCarty, daughter of Peter and Elizabeth Van Bergen McCarty of New York.

Trustee Hamilton College 1850-1858.

William Dexter Walcott

son of Benjamin Stuart and Irena (Doolittle) Walcott, was born New York Mills,(Whitestown) N. Y. July 30, 1813 and died New York Mills April 1, 1890. He was educated at Canandaigua and Fairfield Academies and under the private tutelage of Prof. Charles Avery at Clinton, N. Y. with whom he attended a six months course of lectures on Chemistry at Yale College. Mr. Walcott, at an early age engaged with his Father in business in which he was occupied until his death. The factories for the manufacture of cotton goods became among the most extensive in the world. Mr. Walcott always resided in the village of his birth, and where he was universally esteemed for his consideration of the welfare and happiness of others, his unselfish and gentle courtesy, his unostentatious charities and his gentle christian character. He became a member of the Presbyterian Church in Whitestown, while its Pastor was Rev. John Frost in 1825. He was a Trustee of the Church from 1850. Ruling Elder from 1861 and Superintendent of the Sabbath School from 1874. He was for many years Trustee of the Whitestown Seminary, with his Father he contributed $30,000 to endow the Professorship of Evidences of Christianity in Hamilton College, and $25,000 towards the support of Whitestown Seminary. He was appointed a Visitor to the Naval Academy at Annapolis by Gen. Grant, during his Presidency. Mr. Walcott was married Sept. 12, 1837 to Hannah Coe Hubbard of Middletown, Conn., daughter of Capt. Charles and Lucretia (Miller) Hubbard of Middletown. They celebrated their "Golden Wedding" Sept. 12, 1887. He died in New York Mills, April 1, 1890.

Trustee Hamilton College 1863-1890.

Hon. Edmund Arnold Wetmore

son of Rev. Oliver and Esther Arnold Wetmore, was born at Middletown, Conn. Aug. 6, 1798, and baptized March 6, 1803. Grad. Hamilton College 1817. He studied Law in the office of Gold & Sill, Whitestown, N. Y. and commenced practice with Hon. Morris Smith Miller in Utica. After several years he entered into partnership with Hon. Hiram Denio, but after the latter entered judicial life, Mr. Wetmore gradually withdrew from active duties of the profession and engaged in the Holland Land Co. and other extensive land agencies. Later, he was chosen Treasurer of the N. Y. Lunatic Asylum in Utica, a position which he held with marked fidelity. He was one of the Commissioners for building Utica City Hall, and in his connection as Trustee of Hamilton College he performed a great amount of valuable labor. He was Alderman of Utica and Mayor of that city 1845-1846.

June 31, 1829, he married Mary Ann, daughter of John Hosmer and Jerusha (Kirkland) Lothrop of Utica (born in Utica, Oct. 16, 1806) and had children, Mary Buckminster, and Edmund.

Mr. Wetmore died Jan. 14, 1873, aet. 75 years.

Trustee Hamilton College 1849-1873.

Hon Fortune Clark White

Grandson of Judge Hugh White andson of Daniel Clark White born at Whitestown N. Y. July 10. 1787, three years after his father's removal to Oneida Co. He read law with his brother-in-law, Hon. Henry Randolph Storrs and the two were subsequently partners. He was a member of assembly in 1829 and 1838. and from 1840 to 1845 held the office of Judge of Oneida Common Pleas (having been appointed Feb. 2, 1840) He was Brigadier General of Militia of the State of New York. Except for a few years residence in Yonkers, N. Y. he resided all his life in Whitestown, where he was born. He died in Whitestown August 27-, 1866. aet- 79 years.

Trustee Hamilton College 1838- 1849.

Hon. Nathan Williams

Born Williamstown, Mass., Dec. 19, 1773, and not later than 1797 settled in Utica. He had previously studied Law, and was admitted to the Bar of Oneida Co. in 1798. He was received in the Courts of Chenango, of which County he was appointed District Attorney in 1802. He was one of the Organizers of Trinity Episcopal Church of Utica; President of the Utica Village Corporation and President of the Manhattan Bank, and was a Volunteer in the War of 1812. and lived at Sacketts Harbor, N.Y. District Attorney of the 6th District 1801-13, and again of Oneida County 1818-21. He was a Member of the 9th Congress 1805-7, and Member of Assembly 1816-18-19, and Member of the Constitutional Convention of 1821. He was appointed Circuit Court Judge April 24, 1823, which position he held until disqualified by age limit. At one time he was counsel to the Oneida Indians. A few months before his death he removed to Geneva, N. Y. upon receiving the appointment of Clerk of the Supreme Court. Regent of the University Jan. 28, 1817.

He died at Geneva Sept. 25, 1835, aet. 62 years. He married 1st. 1800 Mary Skinner, of Williamstown, Mass., who died in 1807. Married 2d Maria Watson in 1809.

Trustee of Hamilton College 1812-17.

[redacted]. Othniel Samuel Williams,

son of Othniel and Mary (Eliot) Williams, was born in Killingworth, (now Clinton) Conn., Nov. 22, 1813. Grad. Hamilton College 1831. Studied Law and was admitted to the Bar to practice as Attorney in Supreme Court of the State of New York July 1837. In 1842 he was admitted to practice in the District and Circuit Courts of the United States for the Northern District of New York. Soon after this he was chosen Justice of the Peace, which office he held for several years. In 1837-1838 he was Instructor of Modern Languages in Hamilton College. In 1846 County Judge; 1848 Surrogate of Oneida Co., holding office for eight years. 1850 was elected Treasurer of Hamilton College and in 1871 received the Degree of LL. D. from Hamilton College. In 1868-1869 was Vice President of Utica, Clinton and Binghamton R. R. Co., and from 1869 to his death President of the same road. Jan. 9, 1879, he was admitted to practice in the Supreme Court of the United States. Sept. 6, 1843, he married Delia Avery, daughter of Prof. Charles and Delia (Strong) Avery, at Clinton, N. Y. She was born March 17, 1824, and still resides in Clinton. Judge Williams died at Clinton, N. Y. May 20, 1880, aet. 67 years.

Treasurer Hamilton College 1850-1880.
Trustee Hamilton College 1847-1880.

Rev. William Carpenter Wisner

was born at Elmira, N. Y. Dec. 7, 1808, son of Dr. William Wisner, grad. Union College 1830, studied Law, then Theology privately. He was Ordained Pastor of the Third Presbyterian Church, Rochester, N. Y. Oct. 24, 1832. Rochester 1831-1832; Athens, Pa., East Avon, N. Y. 18 months; Second Church St. Louis, Mo. 1836; Lower Church Lockport, N. Y. 1837-1842; First Church Lockport, 1842-1876. Moderator General Assembly 1855. Received D. D. from Union College 1851. He married Miss Jane E. Hanford of Scottsville, N. Y. November 11, 1834. He died of Progressive Paralysis, at Lockport, July 14, 1880, aet. 72 years. Trustee Auburn Theo. Sem. 1863-1876.

Trustee Hamilton College 1852-1877.

Samuel Buell Woolworth, LL. D.,

son of Aaaron Woolworth, an alumnus of Yale College in 1784, was born in Bridgehampton, Long Island, Dec. 15, 1800. His Mother was the daughter of Rev. Dr. Samuel Buell, an alumnus of Yale College in 1741, who preceded Dr. Lyman Beecher in Easthampton, L. I. The son was fitted for College by his Father, and in 1819 was admitted to the Sophomore class in Hamilton College, graduating in 1822. For two years after he taught in the Academy at Monson, Mass. In 1824, he became principal of the Academy at Onondaga Valley, and remained six years, when he was called to occupy a similar position in the Horner Academy, which he filled with great success for twenty-two years. He was one of the founders of the State Teachers Association, and at its third annual session in 1847 he was chosen President of the Association. In 1852 Dr. Woolworth was appointed to succeed Dr. George R. Perkins as Principal of the State Normal School at Albany, where he remained until 1856, when he received the appointment of Secretary of the Regents of the University of the State of New York, a position which he held with great acceptance until his resignation in January, 1880, when he retired to reside with his son in Brooklyn, N. Y., and where he died June 30, 1880, aet. 80 years.

He was twice married; first to Sophia Mickles, Aug. 18, 1825, who died Nov. 9, 1838; second to Betsey Brewster, Dec. 16, 1839, who died Sept. 25, 1876. In 1854 he received the degree of LL. D. from Hamilton College.

Trustee Hamilton College 1836-1880.

Hon. John Bradt Yates

was born at Schenectady, N. Y. Feb. 1, 1784. Grad. Union College 1802 and studied Law. He was a participant in the War of 1812 under General Wade Hampton on the Northern Frontier of N. Y. and later was appointed Aid to Gov. Tompkins and was Member of Congress 1815-1817. Appointed by Gov. Tompkins Manager of "Literature Lotteries", the last year of their existence. His influence aided largely the building of the Welland Canal. He was for many years Judge of Madison Co., N. Y. and a Member of the New York Assembly at the time of his death, which occurred at Chittenango, N. Y. July 11, 1836, aet. 52 years.

Trustee Hamilton College 1816-21 and 1829-36.